

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cradle [[for accepting]] and a portable communications device (PCD), ~~the PCD for normally being in radio communication with a first network, the cradle for coupling the accepted PCD to the first network by way of a second network when the PCD is out of radio communication with the first network,~~ the PCD including an externally accessible port from which communications data is accessible, the cradle being sized to accept [[the]] and accepting the portable communications device (PCD) therein and comprising:

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a port connector [[for]] coupling with the externally accessible port of the accepted PCD, such that the externally accessible port provides the cradle access to communications data from the PCD;

a network connector [[for]] coupling the cradle and by extension the accepted PCD to [[the]] a second network; and

a network communications device [[for]] interfacing between the port connector and the network connector, the network communications device being a modem,

the cradle constructed such that a positive connection between the externally accessible port of the PCD and the port connector is achieved upon accepting the PCD in such cradle,

the PCD normally being in radio communication with a first network but such PCD currently being out of radio communication with the first network, the cradle coupling the accepted and currently out of radio communication PCD to the first network by way of the second network.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The cradle of claim 1 wherein the network communications device is a network interface card.

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4. (Original) The cradle of claim 1 wherein the network connector is for coupling to a public switched telephone network.

5. (Original) The cradle of claim 1 wherein the network connector is for coupling to a mobile switching network.

6. (Original) The cradle of claim 1 wherein the externally accessible port of the PCD is a serial port, and wherein the port connector is a serial port connector.

7. (Canceled)
